

Proposed Bill No. 5201

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LCO No. 700

Referred to Committee on Environment

Introduced by: REP. O'NEILL, 69th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE GRANT OF AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON CERTAIN STATE-OWNED LANDS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to authorize the grant of
- 2 agricultural conservation easements on state-owned lands that meet
- 3 the criteria for the preservation of state-owned agricultural lands
- 4 identified pursuant to special act 09-8, provided such easement is
- 5 granted to a nonprofit organization, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of
- 6 the Internal Revenue Code, as amended from time to time, and such
- 7 organization's mission includes the preservation of agricultural lands
- 8 for use as agricultural lands.

Statement of Purpose:

To permanently preserve valuable farmland and allow the state to retain underlying ownership of such property.